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Women's History Month Celebration

Camp As Sayliyah's Ethnic & Special Observances Committee selected the 29th of March as the date to celebrate the nationally



Mrs. Diana C.K. Untermeyer, guest speaker for Women's History Month

recognized "Women's History Month" with distinguished special guest speaker, Mrs. Diana C.K. Untermeyer, wife of the United States Ambassador to Qatar. Mrs. Untermeyer gave her inspiring speech to a mixed gender crowd and provided a true

sense that women should feel empowered, and overcome challenges.

"Cast of twelve Characters" of Who's Who" in the history of American women followed the guest speaker with narrator, Lt. Paez summarizing accomplishments of each character as they individually strolled through the audience. By far Oprah (role-played by Sandra Corbett) and Gloria Estefan (role-played by Sylvia Contreras) were the most popular. Wrapping up the program,



Ms. Sylvia Contreras as Gloria Estefan



Camp As Sayliyah's Women's History Month Committee

was the song made popular by the Miami Sound Machine, "Congo" with "Gloria" dancing as the crowd clapped along. The ARCENT

Ethnic and Special Observances committee would like to thank Mrs. Untermeyer, Sgt. Crosby for his keyboard magic and to the staff of the DFAC, who without their help, the committee would still be setting up tables!

All photos by Clayton Grusing

Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust

Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust is a proclamation signed into law April 22, 1981 by then President of the United States of America, Ronald Reagan.

The Congress of the United States established the United States Holocaust Memorial Council to create a living memorial to the victims of the Nazi Holocaust. Its purpose: So mankind will never lose memory of that terrible moment in time when the awful spectre of death camps stained the history of our world.

When America and its allies liberated those haunting places of terror and sick destructiveness, the world came to a vivid and tragic understanding of the evil it faced in those years of the Second World War. Each of those names -- Auschwitz, Buchenwald, Dachau, Treblinka and so many others -- became synonymous with horror.

The millions of deaths, the gas chambers, the inhuman crematoria, and the thousands of people who somehow survived with lifetime scars are all now part of the conscience of history. Forever must we remember just how precious is civilization, how important is liberty, and how heroic is the human spirit.

Like the genocide of the Armenians before it, and the genocide of the Cambodians which followed it -- and like too many other such persecutions of too many other peoples -- the lessons of the Holocaust must never be forgotten.

As part of its mandate, the Holocaust Memorial Council has been directed to designate annual Days of Remembrance as a national, civic commemoration of the Holocaust, and to encourage and sponsor appropriate observances throughout the United States. This year, the national Days of Remembrance will be observed on April 26 through May 3.

Now, Therefore, I, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, do hereby ask the people of the United States to observe this solemn anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camps, with appropriate study, prayers and commemoration, as a tribute to the spirit of freedom and justice which Americans fought so hard and well to preserve.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifth.

Ronald Reagan

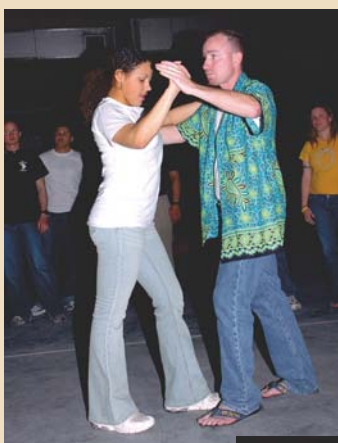
A "Salsa Primer" Where Are Your Dancing Shoes?

Salsa dancing is a highly stylized and sophisticated couple dance. The basic foot (and hips!) pattern is fairly standardized, but skillful salsa dancers, with the man leading, combine it with such varied, dazzling, high-speed turns, twists, and spins that it's a wonder to behold and all of this is catching on like wild fire at Camp As Sayliyah.

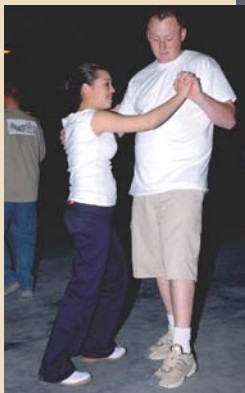
Salsa dancing also differs from other mainstream dances in that one "sees all ages on the dance floor, from gray-haired septuagenarians to nattily dressed twenty-year-olds - and the older dancers

are often the best." (Clubgiggles.com/index.htm)

Its popularity is evident in the fact that salsa night clubs (and those that have a "salsa or Latin night") have sprung up in cities as diverse and far from San Juan, Puerto Rico and New



York, including Stockholm, Tokyo, Sydney, Berlin, Zurich, Dubai and even Doha. I was



pleasantly surprised to hear from visiting soldiers that even military bases in Iraq and Afghanistan have salsa lessons and dancing. It has become so widespread and popular around the world that salsa bands comprised entirely of talented musicians and vocalists that are not even

Latin, have emerged everywhere. Moreover, many women have emerged as talented contributors to the development of salsa. The "Son Reinas," a Tokyo based group of female musicians and singers is an excellent example of both these trends.

The history of Salsa dancing takes us back to the

Grand Opening of New Barracks

Camp As Sayliyah celebrated the grand opening of two new barracks with LTG Whitcomb, Lt. Col. Jeffrey C. Corbett and Command Sgt. Maj.



*Ribbon cutting ceremony for new barracks
Photo by Clayton Grusing*

Wade Gunter in a ceremonial ribbon cutting on 15 March 2005. The completed project includes billeting for 32

senior enlisted Soldiers with the officer barracks' providing 18 company grade rooms and 12 field grade rooms. The contract was awarded in December of 2002 with work beginning in January of 2003 and contract completion in August of 2004.

Caribbean. Cuba was the root of diverse styles like "Son" and "Guajira," and the African rhythms of "Rhumba." In Puerto Rico there was "La Bomba" and "La Plena." Salsa is probably the term most often heard in connection with Latin music, and paradoxically it is one that came into use in New York. Arguments rage about its exact origins and some musicians still resent its catch-all vagueness. Salsa itself just means 'sauce', and the phrase "echale salsa" - put sauce on it, i.e. heat it up - has been around since at least 1928, when Cuban veteran Ignacio Pineiro used it as a song title. In any case, the music called Salsa is the blend of essentially Cuban and Puerto Rican dance music which emerged in 1960s from immigrants in New York.

Salsa dancing is a vibrant, passionate, fun and social dance, with music that will move you. So no matter where you are, "Just Salsa."

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Story by Cpt. Ismael Reyes

Get Your Motor Running Driving Safely

Motor vehicle accidents continue to plague the Army. They are the #1 killer of soldiers, with off-duty POV accidents being nearly 15 times more deadly than on-duty accidents.

What results from these POV accidents?

- Loss of an important team member
- Decrease in unit morale due to a loss
- Time and resource depletion as the whole unit suffers

Why do these POV accidents happen?

- Individual not aware of, or ignores the hazards
- Individual underestimates personal risk
- Individual overestimates driving abilities

How are these accidents avoided?

- Keep your vehicle in good condition
- Check lights, brakes, horn, wipers and mirrors
- Stay ahead of the situation
- Stay alert to your surroundings
- Stay back and leave plenty of space for a safe stop
- Always signal your intentions
- Don't speed
- Don't drink and drive
- Wear your seatbelt

Driving is dangerous, but you can help lessen the risks by following the above advice.

“Drive to Arrive”

NICE CAR!
(KEEP IT THAT WAY)



STAY ALERT!

*Story by Robert B. East, ITT Systems Division
Installation Safety Manager*

Tax Time

It's tax time! While it is beneficial to file without delay, there is no need to file or pay federal income taxes by April 15th. For your information, the IRS grants an automatic extension for filing and paying taxes for any servicemember in a Combat Zone. This extension continues until 180 days after leaving the Combat Zone. So, for instance, if a servicemember leaves the Combat Zone on May 1st, he would have until November 1st to file a federal tax return and pay any taxes due.

The extension for filing taxes is automatic and there is no formal requirement to notify the IRS of a deployment to a Combat Zone. For some, tax time means a refund from the IRS and it is possible to go ahead and file taxes now. In order to file now, a servicemember needs all tax and income documents such as W-2's and a bank routing and account number for direct deposit. The routing and account number are listed on the bottom of every check and deposit slip. If a servicemember has a spouse or children, then the date of birth and social security number of those persons is required. For married filing jointly status, the spouse's signature is needed on a power of attorney or electronic filing form or else the printed return can be mailed home to the spouse for signature and filing with the IRS. Should the servicemember's spouse wish to file back at home, while it is helpful to attach a power of attorney if it is available, it is allowable to have the spouse at home sign both names to the return and attach a note that the servicemember is serving in a combat zone and unable to sign the return.

In addition to a delay in filing and paying taxes, there are other tax benefits from serving in a Combat Zone. Military pay is tax-free for enlisted and warrant officers and most income is tax-free for commissioned officers. The time limits for filing a claim with the IRS for a claim or refund are extended while in a Combat Zone. The time period for making a qualified contribution to an IRA is extended as well. And, if the IRS gives any notice or demand for payment of taxes, any action is delayed for the 180 day period after leaving the Combat Zone.

Additional information and downloadable versions of tax forms and publications, including Publication 17 are available on-line at www.irs.gov/formspubs/ and at the Office of the Command Judge Advocate, Bldg. 111.

Story by Maj. Nathaniel R. Freeman

Camp As Sayliyah Fire Department

On October 9, 1911, the Fire Marshals Association of North America, which became the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), inaugurated Fire Prevention Day. The date marks the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, a disaster that killed 250 people and destroyed thousands of buildings.

If there was any positive side to that devastating event, the infamous fire was responsible for turning people's focus from fighting fires to preventing fires before they started. In 1992, the fire safety observance was extended to cover the week that includes the October 9 anniversary date. Nearly 1,000 children under

age 14 die in house fires annually, and Fire Prevention Education offers an excellent opportunity to educate personnel about how to handle fire emergencies and, equally important, how to prevent fires in the first place.

On Camp As Sayliyah, it is required to have a designated Fire Warden for each facility. The person acts on behalf of the fire department to help disseminate life saving information.

If your facility doesn't have a Fire Warden or if you need to educate yourself on your responsibilities as a Fire Warden please contact Alvin Washington at DSN 432-2763.



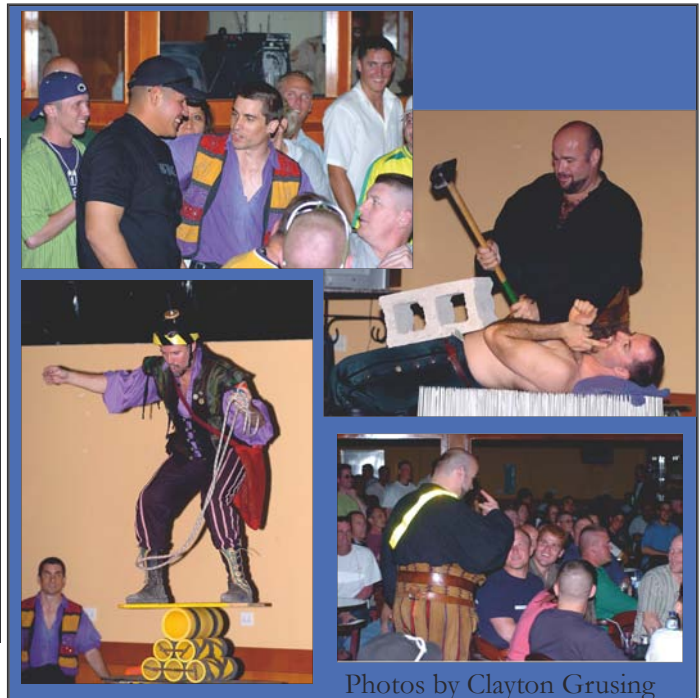
Routine practice for Camp As Sayliyah's ITT Fire Fighting team

Photo by Clayton Grusing

*Story by Alvin Washington Jr., Deputy Fire Chief,
ITT Systems Division*

MWR Sponsored Events

Basketball Tournament, Hack & Slash Comendy Are Huge Success



Photos by Clayton Grusing

Sunset Biathlon, Hail & Farewell Attract A Variety of Participants

On 31 March at 1730, the first annual Sunset Biathlon got underway. Organized by Command Sgt. Maj. Gunter, the event drew approximately 40 participants. The race consisted of two events; a 1.2 mile run, followed by a 300 meter swim, another 1.2 mile run, and another 300 meter swim.

Command Sgt. Maj. Gunter has been a race director in the past, but he believes this is the first time such an event has been held here at Camp As Sayliyah. When asked about the turn out, he replied, "I would have liked to have seen more athletes. The participants were very patient while we got things set up." He said that many people would like to see the biathlon done more often, so he is thinking about doing another race in a few months. Command Sgt. Maj. Gunter also wanted to thank the USO/MWR and volunteers, AAFES for their sponsorship & give-a-ways, and Chili's for having the cook-out.

After the awards were handed out, a huge community cook-out, sponsored by Chili's, got started. Sgt. 1st Class Wallace (a.k.a. The Grillmaster) and Mr. Khaled manned the huge grill, cooking the hamburgers to perfection. Chili's also provided chips & salsa, chicken, hot dogs, and dessert. In other words, those who didn't show up missed out on good, free food.

While the soldiers dined, the ARCENT-QA Finance Office got the Hail & Farewell portion of the evening underway. Staff Sgt. Michael, the Walking Microphone, worked the crowd, convincing Sgt. 1st Class Comprosky and Mr. Cho to take the Cannonball Plunge. She also managed to get people to participate in a cannonball contest, a putting contest, the limbo, and a "sexy legs" contest. Prizes were awarded to the top three finishers in each event, with R&R soldiers sweeping most of the events. A fierce battle ensued between Cpt. Ottenberg and an R&R soldier for the title of Limbo King. Cpt. Ottenberg graciously conceded due to his "seniority". Although sand is plentiful at Camp As Sayliyah, the water hazard was what the aspiring golfers needed to be aware of. Even our own Chaplain Steenson got in on the action by entering his gams into the sexy legs event. The audience decided he had the best legs in his group, but he didn't fare as well in the final elimination.

At the conclusion of the events, Lt. Col. Corbett assumed MC duties to say "hail" to the Postal group, and "farewell" to members, who were here on

temporary duty status. Lt. Col. Corbett was also thrilled to be relieved of the Super Genius award. Lt. Col. Martin accepted the award on Cpt. Billings' behalf.

Special thanks goes out to Command Sgt. Maj. Gunter, Chili's, Mr. Khaled Rabie, Manager, and staff, Debbie Thomerson, Sgt. 1st Class Stuckey, and Mr. Lees.

Story by Staff Sgt. Genea Michael

Category Winners

Male Winners

*25-29
1st Sean Donnelly
2nd Nicholas Carpenter
*30-34
1st Michael O'Leary
2nd Zack Busford
3rd Cris Simon
*35-39
1st Mike Hemmie
2nd Miguel Castro
3rd Christopher Hall
*40-44
1st John Boudreaux
2nd Thomas Daly
*45-49
1st Larry Hinkin
*50 & Over
1st Crag Pearson
2nd Michael Rourke
*Clydesdale 39 & Under
1st Bradley Damschen
2nd Brian Dine
3rd Jeff Tebedo
*Clydesdale 40 & over
Wade Gunter



Female Winners

*30-34
1st Aimee Tanner
2nd Aya Cho
*35-39
1st Cindy Hazel
2nd Gina Oldjiewski
*Athena
1st Autumn Doria

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